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HABLOT K. BROWNE, ARTIST. BORN, 1815. DIED, JULY, 1882.

THE Lamp is out that lighted up the text
Of DICKENS, LEVER—heroes of the pen.
Pickwick and *Lorrequer* we love, but next
We place the man who made us see such men.
What should we know of *Martin Chuzzlewit*,
Stern *Mr. Dombey*, or *Uriah Heep*?
Tom Burke of Ours?—Around our hearths they sit,
Outliving their creators—all asleep!

No sweeter gift ere fell to man than his
Who gave us troops of friends—delightful PHIZ!

He is not dead! There in the picture-book
He lives with men and women that he drew;
We take him with us to the cozy nook
Where old companions we can love anew.
Dear boyhood's friend! We rode with him to hounds;
Lived with dear *Peggotty* in after years;
Missed in old Ireland where fun knew no bounds;
At *Dora's* death we felt poor *David's* tears!

There is no death for such a man—he is
The spirit of an unclosed book! immortal PHIZ!





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IN striking off a few extra copies of this little work (the first edition of which has been completely exhausted in the space of six weeks) the Author embraces the opportunity to insert as an addendum the following particulars which will be found especially valuable to the biographer and genealogist, and for which he is indebted to a near relative of the deceased artist.

HABLÔT KNIGHT BROWNE was one of the younger of fifteen children, two of whom died in infancy. His brother, General Charles A. Browne, a most accomplished linguist, was for many years Military Secretary at Madras, and commanded the Northern Division of the Madras army, the highest military appointment in the Presidency next to that of the Commander-in-Chief. Colonel Horace Browne, late Resident Minister at Burmah, was his nephew, and led the Expedition into China when Margary was murdered. Other members of the family were the Very Rev. John Henry Browne, Hon. Canon of Chichester (Vicar of Pevensey) and sometime the Bishop's examining chaplain, and the Rev. H. Browne, late Rector of Newton Toft, Lincoln. "Phiz" was also related to the late Rev. George Moxon, Vicar of Sandringham, to whose memory a monument was erected by the Prince of Wales.

Colonel Hablôt, after whom "Phiz" was named, was engaged to marry a sister of the artist, but was killed in a charge of Napoleon's Garde Impériale at Waterloo.

The artist received his second name (Knight) after Admiral Sir John Knight, an old friend of the family.

The name of Browne was assumed when the family came over to Norfolk from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685: the original family name was Le Brun.